

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 11, 2011 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chair
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Swearing in of elected officials took place in the Courtroom at 8:30 am.

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:00 A.M.

Re-organization of the Board

Spearman moved to appoint Sam Pace as Chairman. Joseph seconded the motion. The Vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to appoint Spearman and Joseph as Co-Vice Chairs. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

Spearman moved to approve the agenda. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of January 4, 2011.

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2011. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Saguache County Veterans Office** sent a letter thanking the BOCC for all the work they have done for the Veterans office. (1/4/11)
2. **Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee** sent a letter announcing the Gunnison Sage-Grouse Summit and Festival on April 9, 11 & 13, 2011. (1/4/11)
3. **Lisa Cyriacks** emailed a letter from Joe Richey, President of Coloradans for Voting Integrity concerning the Election results that were not properly certified by the Canvass Board. (1/5/11)
4. **Ben Gibbons, Saguache County Attorney** sent an email on the Status of Contract with Canvass Board and November 2, 2010 Election. (1/6/11)
5. **Lisa Cyriacks** sent an email concerning the Legal Opinion on Certification. (1/6/11)
6. **The Gunnison Sage-Grouse** sent the Monthly Newsletter. (1/6/11)

7. **Pinon Canyon Expansion Opposition Coalition** sent the January 2011 Newsletter. (1/6/11)
8. **State of Colorado, DOLA** sent the Certification of Compliance for the Immigration Status. (1/10/11)
9. **Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District** sent the Annual 2011 Contact Information. (1/10/11)
10. **Town of Saguache** sent a thank you letter to the Saguache BOCC for the funds received from the Saguache County Sales Tax Grant. (1/10/11)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Bell Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Teresa Benns – Center Post Dispatch; Randy Arredondo; Vince & Mary Palermo; June Savage and Jerry Burton – CB/PC.

Spearman moved to appoint the following 2011 county positions:

Co-County Administrators – Wendi Maez and Lyn Zimmer

Budget Officer – Wendi Maez and Lyn Zimmer

Personnel Administrator – Wendi Maez and Lyn Zimmer

Land Use Administrator – Wendi Maez

County Attorney – Ben Gibbons

Road and Bridge Supervisor – Randy Arredondo

Land Fill Supervisor – Randy Arredondo

Social Services Director – Jeannie Norris

Public Health and Nursing Services Director – Della Vieira

Housing Director – Evan Samora

Veterans Services Officer – Tom Blunt

County Emergency Manager – Jim Felmlee

Tourism Council Staff Liaison – Melinda Myers

Health Department designee for Land Use issues – Wendi Maez

Health Department designee for Public Health issues – Della Vieira

SLV GIS/GPS reps – Jackie Stephens, Wendi Maez and Connie Trujillo

Official Newspaper – Saguache Crescent

Official Publication site – Saguache County Website

State Health Department designee – Linda Joseph

Senior Citizens Representative – Sam Pace

SLV Development Resources Group – Mike Spearman

CCI Legislative Committee Designee – Sam Pace

SLV Regional Transportation Commission – Mike Spearman

Environmental Certifying official – Wendi Maez

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Representative – Mike Spearman

County Designated Health Officer/County Quarantine Officer – Linda Joseph

Development Resources Group Loan Review Board Representative – Rick Wertz

SLV RETAC designee – Jim Felmlee, Linda Joseph

Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Conservation Committee – Linda Joseph, Elinor Laurie

County Weed Coordinator – Larry Ward

SLV Housing Coalition – Evan Samora

County Auditors – Wall, Smith and Bateman

Interim Library Administrator – Penny Bruce. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to appoint Jim Felmlee as Saguache County SLV Citizen Corps Advisory Board representative. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- Jan 5 – Spoke with Randy Etheridge from Tessera Solar, to arrange a conference call during the Board meeting on Jan 11 to address the escrow account needing replenishing. Tessera has not replied to emails from Land Use on this topic. Maez and Gibbons will draft a letter for the Board's review to be sent by certified mail.
- Jan 7 – Attended the State Board of Human Services in Denver.

Linda Joseph reported:

- January 6 - Had an opportunity to speak with Andrew Archuleta. He mentioned the Monte Vista meeting on the Camino Chamisa road, which Maez has sent the Board. He has also asked whether the Board would write letters of support for the camping fees proposed at Penitente and Zapata campgrounds.
- January 7 - Was invited by Ralph Abrams, Crestone Mayor and attended a meeting of a steering committee exploring broadband for the Crestone/Baca area, with Frank Ortman, Communications Manager, at the State of CO Office of Information Technology's Broadband Data & Development Program.
- Worked with Emergency Manager Jim Felmlee on potential grants for the OEM this year.
- Received an invitation for Commissioners to attend a regional economic development meeting with the Governor, in Del Norte this Saturday. RSVP is needed by tomorrow.

Mike Spearman reported:

- Jan 6 – Attended meeting at DRG to prepare a presentation at the meeting with Governor Hickenlooper on Jan 15 in Del Norte. Most important topics include renewable energy, transmission lines, broadband service and small business development.
- Jan 10 – Attended the meeting on Camino Chamisa with engineers and Randy Arredondo from Road & Bridge. Costs continue to mount and it may put the total bill over the threshold, other options are now on the table to be discussed.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

Spearman moved to transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Public Health fund. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Resolution presented for review and signature for transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Health in the amount of \$30,000. This is partial amount of budgeted figure.
- Zimmer has sent each Board member the Conservation Trust and old and new Title III fund break downs with end balances from 2010.
- Maez and Zimmer met with the new Library Board concerning the County Library property and the IGA. The IGA should be completed for review by the January 18th meeting.

- The deed concerning the Library property has been sent to the Town of Saguache and the Town Board will review what they would like to do with the property at their meeting on January 18th.
- Center Library is still under the County's jurisdiction. The Center Library staff will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the functions of that Library.

Spearman moved to send a letter of support to ScSEED for the SLV Theatre Company. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Administration has received a request for a letter of support for a grant ScSeed is applying for to help the SLV Theatre Company. Board agreed to send a letter of support.
- Review of Title II funding SRS projects for possible support letters to be written.
- Department Head Evaluations will be set for a future Board meeting agenda for this summer.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

- Saguache County Planning Commission appointments- will not be done until the meeting on January 18th due to the publication date.
- Maez suggested a telephone conference call with Randy Etheridge of Tessera Solar to discuss the public hearing date and miscellaneous items. If the escrow account is not replenished, the 1041 process would be suspended.
- A link to the Draft Environmental Assessment of Lexam's mineral exploration was sent to the Board for review.

Spearman moved to approve the changes to Land Use fees. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Land Use fee updates
- Received an email from Ceal Smith of SLVRCA, asking for County to help pay for the court reporter that transcribed the public meeting with Tessera. Board declined the request.
- Crestone Baca Planning Commission member Jerry Burton questioned the cremation of a Moffat resident by the Crestone End of Life Project, which he felt is not in keeping with the Conditional Use Permit that stipulates only Crestone residents. Maez will follow up with Project organizers.

Pace moved to approve the request to cremate a Moffat resident through the Crestone End of Life Project. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Stephanie Gaines from the Crestone End of Life Project asked for the copy of the Resolution expanding their service area, from Sept 15, 2010 for them to review and sign.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney Report:

- Drafted a letter to Tessera North America putting them on notice that their escrow account is in arrears and the 1041 process will be suspended.

Joseph moved to adjourn at 11:40 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved January 18, 2011

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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